

CLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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ROUTING

TO : CHIEF
FROM : D/CHIEF
ACTION: CITE
INFO: *WAC* ✓
IN 70689: *Bx-6732*

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TO TOP SECRET 281009Z CITE

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1. [] APPEARED TO HAVE HAD AN EXCELLENT MISSION TODAY AFTER THE LONG LAY-OFF. GENERATION, LAUNCH AND RECOVERY ALL WENT WELL.

2. WEATHER OVER N. VIETNAM, AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE ROUTE, WAS EXCELLENT, AND PILOT SAID THAT WEATHER WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY CLEAR FROM THE COAST TO WELL INTO THE MOUNTAINS TO THE WEST. ON THE PASS IN THERE WERE SOME COLUMNS OF SMOKE RISING VERTICALLY IN THE HANOI AREA BUT ALL WAS QUIET AND CLEAR COMING OUT.

3. ARTICLE FLEW VERY WELL WITH ONLY MINOR WRITEUPS, 2400 FEET OF FILM WAS RUN. TOOK 67.1 M OF FUEL ON FIRST AR AND 67 M AT STEELBRIDGE. LANDED WITH 10 M ON BOARD. TEMPERATURES AT ALTITUDE WERE COOLER TODAY AND THERE WAS NO TURBULENCE. AUTOPILOT AND MACH HOLD WERE USED THROUGHOUT THE MISSION. CAMERA WAS OPERATED AS PROGRAMMED AND INS LOOKED VERY GOOD. THE ONLY AIRCRAFT ITEM OF

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CONSEQUENCE WAS THE L HYDRO SYSTEM WENT EMPTY ON FINAL APPROACH. THE GEAR WAS LOWERED A SECOND TIME OUT ON THE FINAL APPROACH WHEN HE HAD TO MAKE A 360 DEGREE TURN. WHEN IT WAS LOWERED THE SECOND TIME, SOME LINE BROKE - WILL KNOW WHICH ONE IT WAS LATER. THE R HYDRO LITE CAME ON BUT THIS WAS FOUND LATER TO BE WRONG.

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5. THE TANKERS ARE COMING BACK AND WE'RE GENERATING OK FOR TOMORROW. WE SHOULD GET SOME GOOD COVERAGE IN THE WEATHER COOPERATES.

6. TANKER SUPPORT TODAY WAS EXCELLENT THEY REPORT NO PROBLEM IN OPERATING OUT OF CLARK FOR A ONE TIME GO.

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